



Safe Routes to School Program

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Safe Routes to School Program

- Established in SAFETEA-LU
- North Carolina's allocation is \$15.4 million
- At least 10% must be spent on education & encouragement programs
- No local match required

SRTS Purpose & Objectives

Purpose:

- Enable kids to walk & bike to school
- Make biking & walking safer and therefore more appealing
- Facilitate projects that improve safety & reduce traffic around schools

Objectives:

- Reduce speeds around schools
- Improve pedestrian & bicycle safety
- Improve pedestrian & bicycle access

FHWA Program Guidelines - Desired Outcomes

- Increased bike & pedestrian traffic safety
- More kids walking & biking to school
- Decreased congestion
- Improved childhood health
- Reduced childhood obesity
- Encouragement of active, healthy lifestyles
- Improved air quality
- Improved community safety & security
- Reduced fuel consumption
- Enhanced community accessibility
- Greater public involvement
- Improved non-motorized infrastructure
- More interest in bike & pedestrian accommodations

Elements of SRTS Programs

- Engineering
- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Evaluation



North Carolina's Program

- Community Workshops
- Action Plan Service Awards
- Infrastructure Reimbursement Grant
- Non-Infrastructure Reimbursement Grants
- Highway Division Funds
- Demonstration Projects



Community Workshops

- One-day workshops held at over 25 schools



Action Plan Service Awards

- Albemarle
- Archdale
- Belmont
- Black Mountain
- Carrboro
- Chadbourn
- Cumberland County
- Marion
- Mooresville
- Orange County
- Pilot Mountain
- Saluda
- Shelby
- Spring Hope
- Warren County
- Wilson

Infrastructure Reimbursement Grants

Call will open in early October

Non-Infrastructure Reimbursement Grants

- Call for 2009 requests will open in early October
- Five communities awarded in 2008
 - Davidson
 - Greenville
 - Haw River
 - Holly Springs
 - Shelby

Demonstration Project Locations

- Apex - Olive Chapel Elementary School
- Asheville - Emma Elementary School
- Black Mountain Elementary School
- Brevard Elementary School
- Durham - Fayetteville Road Elementary School
- Wilmington – Bradley Creek Elementary School

Funding Categories

- **Infrastructure (\$250,000 maximum per project)**
 - Construction projects
 - Signing and signalization
- **Non-Infrastructure (\$10,000 to \$50,000 per project)**
 - Education
 - Enforcement
 - Encouragement

FHWA Guidance

Infrastructure projects are limited to:

- Improvements that will serve schools with grades K-8.
- Locations within a 2 mile radius of the school.
- Public right-of-way or land with public access easement.

FHWA Program Guidelines

Eligible Infrastructure Projects:

- Sidewalk improvements
- Traffic calming & speed reduction projects
- Pedestrian & bicycle crossing improvements
- On-street bicycle facilities
- Off-street bicycle parking facilities
- Traffic separation improvements



Ineligible Uses of SRTS Funds

Cannot be used:

- to replace existing bike/ped funding streams
- for projects that benefit drivers, including drop-off/pick at schools
- to improve pedestrian facilities leading to bus stops
- to improve bus stops
- for recurring costs, i.e. maintenance

Highway Division Funds

- FY 2008 - \$200,000 per Division
- FY 2009 - \$230,000 per Division
- Project range - \$10,000-\$50,000
- Unspent / uncommitted funds will be reallocated to Divisions with unmet needs

When the money runs out...

- refer requests to the SRTS Coordinator



Highway Division Funds

- Provide timely, relatively low-cost spot safety improvements
- Projects must be within the r-o-w on state-maintained roadways
- Must be within two miles of a K-8 school
- Community makes request directly to the Division Offices
- The Division Engineer's staff will determine the viability of each project and sends request to DBPT
- DBPT authorizes funds and sends Division Office Notice to Proceed

Highway Division Funds

Project Categories

- Sidewalks
 - Gap closures, ramps
- Traffic calming
 - Median islands
- On-road bike improvements
 - Marked bike lanes
 - Signing
- Crossing upgrades
 - High visibility crosswalks
 - Signalization and signing





Diagonal Ramp



Hazardous Crosswalk



Median Refuge Island, High Visibility Pedestrian Crosswalk & Countdown Signal

How to be Involved

- Attend SRTS community workshops in your Division
- Serve on local SRTS committees in your Division
- Provide data upon request
- Assist in evaluating condition of existing facilities
- Provide mapping assistance
- Provide guidance on feasibility & appropriateness of various infrastructure treatments



SRTS Program Timeline

2007-08 Cycle (awards announced, projects underway)

- 6 Demonstration Projects
- 16 Action Plan Service Awards
- 5 Non-Infrastructure Projects

2008-09 Cycle (Infrastructure & Non-Infrastructure)

Oct 6, 2008	Call for Applications
Feb 27, 2009	Application Deadline
May, 2009	Review Committee Meets
June, 2009	BOT approves Awards
Dec, 2009	Deadline for Reimbursement Agreements


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BICYCLING >>

Bicycling is a fun way to get around for people of all ages, whether for transportation or fitness. This site is designed to put you in touch with all types of resources and information about bicycling. Whether you like touring, commuting, off-road riding, just tooling around your neighborhood, or working to make your community more bicycle friendly, you've come to the right place!



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TRANSPORTATION

***Our Vision:** All citizens of North Carolina and visitors to the state will be able to walk and bicycle safely and conveniently to their chosen destinations with reasonable access to roadways.*

WALKING >>

Since more people are waking to work, to shop, and for fitness, new programs and resources are underway to help people of all ages walk safely. Come see what's here for you!



SAFE ROUTES >>

Welcome to the North Carolina Safe Routes to School Program. The purpose of this program is to enable and encourage children to walk or bicycle to school safely. This site provides resources to help you get a SRTS program going in your community.



CHECK THIS OUT

New Interim Safe Routes to School Coordinator
Leza Mundt, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, has taken a new position with the NCDOT. Effective 08/11/08, Sarah O'Brien will act as the interim coordinator for the Safe Routes to School Program. Sarah brings prior experience to the program, having held the interim position in the past and having worked closely with the program since that time. Sarah O'Brien can be reached at skworth@unity.ncsu.edu. (08/11/08)

NCDOT Email Addresses Have Changed
Please be sure to update your contact list with any email addresses that you may have with NCDOT. Addresses have changed as follows, Username@ncdot.gov. [Click here](#) for the list of DBPT changes.

Motorists and Bicyclists are Reminded to Use Caution When Traveling During the Summer and Warm Months
North Carolina offers some of the best cycling opportunities with its ideal climate, varying terrain and pleasant county roads. The warmer weather always brings out many bicyclists and many more now are also commuting as an alternative to rising cost of fuel. The NCDOT reminds motorists and bicyclist to share the road and that safety is a shared responsibility. There are more than 900 bicycle-motor vehicle crashes reported to the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles each year, but through continued efforts this number can be reduced. Click links for more information on the May 2008 [NCDOT, Bicycle Safety Press Release](#), [Bicycle Laws, Safety](#), and [Crash Data Tool](#). (07/07/08)

NCDOT Awards Its First Safe Routes to School Funds
The N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded its first Safe Routes to School program funds with nearly \$1.6 million going to 11 municipalities and local agencies.

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